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Lebanon

Beirut Radio Takeover — The studios of Beirut radio located in West Beirut are under the control of Amal Movement "gunmen," according to the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon, which reported that officials have been appointed to run the station. As of 1250 GMT on 7 February, the station continued to identify itself, as usual, as "Lebanon radio." At 1310 GMT the radio broadcast a statement by Amal leader Nabih Birri urging adherence to the cease-fire and protection of foreign nationals in West Beirut.

Political Developments — President Amin al-Jumayyil met with presidential envoy Donald Rumsfeld, while Foreign Minister Elie Salim held talks with former President Sulayman Franjiyah in Zgharta and three former prime ministers, Taqiy ad-Din as-Sulh, Rashid as-Sulh, and Salim al-Huss, flew to Damascus for talks with the Syrians, according to Beirut radio. After his talks with Franjiyah, Salim said in remarks broadcast by Ihdin Radio of Free and Unified Lebanon that the former president had presented "many ideas and views" for discussion with President al-Jumayyil. Damascus radio said the former prime ministers met twice with Syrian Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam and also conferred separately with Walid Junblatt and other PSP and National Salvation Front (NSF) leaders.

Meanwhile, in an interview with Paris radio, Junblatt said Al-Jumayyil has become "someone to shoot down," and he expressed hope that "we will see Amin al-Jumayyil's condolences telegram coming soon." The PSP cannot accept a political settlement with this "bloody dictator," who should be tried for the shelling of the southern suburbs of Beirut, Junblatt asserted. In a similar vein, Nabih Birri declared in remarks broadcast by the PSP's Voice of the Mountain that his forces will confront attempts by Al-Jumayyil to reimpose his "fascist" authority in West Beirut, adding that "the little shah of Lebanon is on the brink of collapse." While Al-Jumayyil is looking for a new government, the opposition is looking for a new president, Birri said in a statement reported by Radio Monte Carlo.

Multinational Force — France is currently engaged in "feverish contacts" with the Soviet Union aimed at securing agreement on replacing the Multinational Force with an expanded UNIFIL, Jerusalem radio reported. The USSR and Syria are agreeable to the proposal, the radio said, and the United States also supports the French initiative because it will enable the Marines to be withdrawn "without disgrace." Meanwhile, the Voice of the Mountain radio broadcast the NSF's memorandum to Congress demanding the withdrawal of the U.S. contingent from Lebanon.

Saudi Position — A Riyadh radio commentary viewed favorably President al-Jumayyil's 5 February address to the nation, asserting that his eight-point program constitutes the "safest way to treat the security and political situation" in Lebanon.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

A military spokesman, in a statement to INA, announced that the 2 February warning issued to Iranian citizens in towns selected as targets in retaliation for Iranian shelling of Iraqi residential areas would expire on 6 February. Iraq will then "be free" of any obligation to Iranian citizens, the spokesman added, and will choose the time "it deems appropriate" to implement its threat.

President Saddam Husayn affirmed in a 6 February speech reported by INA that Iraq will strike selected Iranian targets and be absolved of any "moral obligation" as the Iranians have been warned. Saddam extended his "most sincere apologies" to the citizens of the three cities and requested that they evacuate the area "immediately."

Referring to Saddam's warning, Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani said that Iran has "already issued the necessary military command" to its forces should Iraq carry out its threat, Tehran radio reported. Throughout Iraq there are many cities "within range of our field guns," the speaker said, against which Iran would retaliate should Saddam Husayn attempt his "mindless act."

In a related development, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces said in a joint statement that the way to combat Iraq's missile attacks is through a "major offensive" extending the entire length of the war fronts, Tehran radio reported.

PLO Affairs

PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat and his delegation met with Kuwaiti Amir Jabir al-Ahmad as-Sabah on 6 February during which the results of the ICO summit in Casablanca and recent developments inside the occupied territories were discussed, Baghdad Voice of the PLO radio reported. The PLO delegation also met with other high-ranking Kuwaiti officials and with the Soviet ambassador to Kuwait, the radio added.

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Karachi Reports Fighting in Qonduz Province

BK060323 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 6 Feb 84

[Text] According to reports from Afghanistan, the Afghan mujahidin have caused heavy damage to a military convoy in Qonduz Province. The military convoy was coming from the Soviet Union. The mujahidin damaged seven tanks and armored vehicles.

In another encounter near Qonduz city, the mujahidin damaged two tanks and captured a military truck with ammunition. More than 40 Soviet soldiers were killed and wounded.

According to another report, the mujahidin killed two ruling party workers in an attack at Imam Saheb in Qonduz Province.

Kabul Radio has confirmed fighting between the Soviet-Karmal forces and the mujahidin in Badakhshan, Balkh, Nangarhar, Konarha, and Jowzjan Provinces and in central Kabul.

SPA: Mujahidin Ambush Convoy 29 January

LD062125 Riyadh SPA in English 1903 GMT 6 Feb 84

[Text] Islamabad, Feb 6, SPA — Four Soviet tanks and seven military trucks were damaged when anti-Marxist Afghan mujahidin had ambushed and blocked a Soviet Afghan Government convoy in Western Afghanistan on January 29, unofficial AGENCY AFGHAN PRESS (AAP) reported here today.

The agency said 19 Afghan troops were also killed at a place of blockade on a road between Herat and Farah.

During the fighting, a Soviet officer along with his arms was also captured by mujahidin, it added.

The agency said two truck loads of arms and ammunition were also seized during the fighting.

Rebels, Weapons Captured in Herat, Badakhshan

LD032112 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 3 Feb 84

[Text] Officers and heroic men of the Armed Forces recently crushed 156 members of mercenary and murdering bands in the mountains of Engil District and (Seyah Oshan) village, (Nezam-e Shahid) District, Herat Province, and injured a number of them. A security spokesman of Herat Province told a BIA correspondent that more than 50 various weapons were seized from these traitors to the homeland and revolution, and 1 ammunition depot, 1 oil depot, and 1 jeep of these criminals were completely destroyed.

According to another report from Feyzabad city, capital of Badakhshan Province, a number of counterrevolutionary elements along with their ringleader, Qyum, were recently eliminated in Arghandeh village, Afzal valley, capital of Badakhshan Province, along with 8 heavy weapons, 54 light weapons, and an ammunition depot.

170 Rebels Killed in Marmol Operation

LD021813 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 2 Feb 84

[Text] The satanic nests of the rebels — those servants of international imperialism and reaction in the region — have been destroyed in Marmol village, Balkh Province, as a result of the successful operation by our vigilant security forces with cooperation of the noble and patriotic people of this region. A large number of these thieves and enemies of the people and revolution were killed.

In these operations, 170 rebels — these homeless people — who had been annoying and troubling the people of this village have been killed.

The source added that 1 27-mm cannon, 12 DShK machine guns with 35,000 rounds of ammunition, 1 heavy machine gun, 25 light weapons with 160,000 rounds of ammunition, 8 hand grenades, 44 rocket launcher rounds, 37 mortar rounds, 64 antipersonnel mines, 46 antitank mines, 31 kg of explosives, 7 pair of binoculars, two radio communication stations, 16 [words indistinct] of DShK, 1 telephone, [words indistinct] and 5 sacks of documents showing their links with counterrevolutionary bands abroad were seized.

The source added 5 enemy storage centers for food, clothes, and lubrication supplies along with 11 motor vehicles which were plundered by these criminals have been destroyed.

More Accept Amnesty in Herat, Other Localities

LD022239 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 2 Feb 84

[Text] Our compatriots who daily fell prey to the deception of the counterrevolutionaries are returning to the bosom of the homeland, taking advantage of the Revolutionary Council Presidium general amnesty decree and message of the historic, glorious nationwide session of social figures, leaders of nationalities, tribes, and clans of the country.

In continuation of this process, 200 families and 180 individuals from Herat City have recently returned to their homes via the border of Eslam Qaleh. Ten families consisting of 50 people from Ganj District, Nimruz Province, recently have returned to their homes taking advantage of the amnesty decree of the DRA Revolutionary Council.

Continuing Opposition in Pakistan Examined

LD050740 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0415 GMT 5 Feb 84

[Text] Kabul, Feb. 4, BAKHTAR — *KABUL NEW TIMES* under the title of "No Substitute for Democracy But Democracy" carries an editorial which reads as follows:

While the echo of recent political explosions still resounds in Pakistan, and the nation-wide struggle to regain democratic rights in this society ravaged by military gets a new rise, the reflection of which could easily be noticed in further tightening of the horrible grips of dictatorial tyranny, the military regime of Islamabad continues with promulgation of anti-people laws.

What this chained nation suffers today is not the lack of laws that could result only in further changing of hands in the work of consolidating political oppression. Pakistan has been suffering from the lack of democratic rights which had been usurped by generals after generals who captured power at different intervals and by "promise and delay" tactics played unsuccessfully in more than 30 years.

Can the gimmick to shift some legislating powers to the so-called federal advisory council be a substitute, even provisionally, for an elected government? It can be so, only in the eyes of General Ziaul's supporters and those who fought, say, in Grenada for toppling a "totalitarian menace."

Yesterday's onslaught on all students' unions which were declared outlawed by the regime is a clear testimony to the fact that not only political but social institutions must go before Ziaul may "bestow" some illusory elections in 1985.

With all the opposition to his dictatorship quelled opponents rounded up, assemblies banded and the society de-politicized, this unpopular farce certainly wins a full backing of generals' "big brother" who sees at stake something in his policies.

Everyone knows that the Pakistani generals have always been at odds both with their neighbours, and their nation. Yet they are not the ones who will determine the ultimate destiny of the Pakistani society and (?frame the) future norms of its life. No bayonet has ever succeeded in cowing down an awakened nation. The decision to out-law all student unions will bear no sweeter fruits for the general than his venture of banning all political parties.

The reasons fished out for such acts by the police state, that the regime now has turned out to be like, are not so different from the "emergency circumstances" that entailed a series of punitive measures against Grenada.

The United States that boasts of democracy is out to jump into the scene and utilize the circumstances [word indistinct] her own.

According to the local press and the report published in *TIMES OF INDIA* the U.S. CIA is engaged in large-scale operations to consolidate the positions of the regime inside the country. The imperialists have already decided to involve their rapid deployment contingents should an emergency situation appear there.

The U.S. knows that Pakistani military from its very inception has been shaking satellite in the orbit defined by the British colonial power. Every sign shows that the U.S. is coming in right from the door through which the British left.

A physical presence of imperialists in Pakistan is a repetition of the anachronism in the sub-continent the British committed. This has already raised the alarm in New Delhi where the far-sighted Indian politicians express concern over an extraordinary rearming of the Pakistani regime.

For this, both the U.S. and the generals needed extraordinary measures to suffocate the entire opposition demands be they for political or vocational rights.

The military can lash at social organisations as before but the roots of national resistance spread out with the increase in popular resentment.

Thousands are already in jails, and hundreds are persecuted, political and social figures, students, donors, tribal leaders, trade unionists and other are put behind the bars, yet the opposition is not only there but takes a new anti-U.S. direction. People in Pakistan (?now are) awakened to the bitter reality that when the orders for suppressing them come Pakistan movement for the restoration of democracy is now characterised by its anti-imperialist nature. The more the military is given American iron teeth the harder it becomes to the general to swallow the right of the people.

The U.S. involvement either through the expansion of the CIA meddling or by introducing American physical presence leads no where but to a catastrophy for the regime.

The maddening legislation and election trumpet the military has started to play in order to silence the voice of a real democracy will exhaust the breath of the regime— since there exists no substitute for democracy but democracy.

AFP Reports Firing on Jammu, Kashmir Border

BK071318 Hong Kong AFP in English 1253 GMT 7 Feb 84

[Text] New Delhi, Feb 7 (AFP) — Pakistani troops on the Jammu and Kashmir "actual control line" engaged in "unprovoked firing" at Jhangar in the Nowshera sector on Friday, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA reported here today.

In a dispatch from Jammu, winter capital of Indian-held Kashmir, the agency quoted official reports reaching there as saying that Indian security forces returned the fire and that the exchange lasted about three hours.

No casualties were reported on either side.

Defence sources in Jammu, quoted by PTI, described the incident as a "routine" one.

PTI said unofficial reports spoke of Pakistani troops digging trenches on no-man's land in the area.

NATIONAL HERALD on Pakistani Kashmir Campaign

BK020825 Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English 27 Jan 84 p 1

[By K.V.S. Rama Sharma]

[Text] New Delhi, January 26 — The Pakistan Government is understood to have issued instructions to its establishments abroad, particularly in South-East Asia, to step up politico-diplomatic offensive against India on the question of Kashmir.

According to diplomatic circles here, the main objectives of the new campaign are to divert the attention of the people of Pakistan who have been waging an unrelenting struggle for the restoration of democracy to shore up its declining prestige and finally to cash in on the unhappy situation prevailing in Jammu and Kashmir.

The purpose of this campaign is also to indirectly justify its unending acquisition of sophisticated arms from the United States on the plea that it has to put up with a "belligerent neighbour."

One of the "talking points" provided by Islamabad to its diplomats and others abroad is that India should be dubbed as a "colonialist" power and the Kashmir issue be depicted as a consequence of India's "colonial" attitudes towards minorities.

Besides maligning India, the purpose of the campaign is to bring about unity among people friendly to Pakistan and its leadership and group them into social, cultural or religious bodies as a kind of a ginger-group to put pressure on Governments and organisations finding fault with actions of the General Ziaul Haq Government.

Another "talking point" is to encourage and publicise anti-Indira and pro-Pakistani utterances and remarks of Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah with a view to widening the gulf between New Delhi and Srinagar.

For this purpose, close contacts are being established with the Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing, the Jamaat-e-Tulaba in Kashmir.

Significantly, the new campaign coincides with reports that Pakistan is planning to offer informally all facilities to the U.S. strategic forces. According to diplomatic circles, the U.S. armed forces have been using the Pakistani bases for quite some time now, although formally no base has been offered by Islamabad to Washington.

The campaign coincides with the proposal for a joint early warning system by Pakistan and the U.S. on the former's borders, which means borders of India in the western and northern sectors.

The Zia Government is apparently aware that when this joint early warning surveillance begins and the U.S. forces begin using Pakistani bases more frequently than before, there would be serious protests not only in the Indian sub-continent but elsewhere too.

This could affect Pakistan's standing abroad. The new campaign is, thus, an advance preparation to face such a situation and to sell the fiction that these "security steps" are necessary to face a "colonialist" India.

The seven-part series of articles written by Gen. Akram, known to be close to President Zia, in a Pakistani paper pouring communal venom on India, is part of this campaign.

Now that Pakistan is setting aside the smoke-screen that it was acquring arms to face the Soviet Union in Afghanistan, it is coming out into the open steadily giving out its motives for stockpiling U.S. arms. The law and order situations in some parts of India have come handy to Pakistan to launch its new offensive.

Expelled Airlines Officials Arrive From Pakistan

BK061619 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 6 Feb 84

[Text] The two Indian airlines officials who were expelled by the Pakistani Government have arrived in New Delhi today. They said the charges for expulsion are fabricated. Mr Naresh Chandra, Indian Airlines manager at Lahore, and his secretary, Mr J.R. Gupta, were expelled 4 days ago on charges of helping the unauthorized exit of two servants of an Indian diplomat from Pakistan. Mr Chandra told newsmen at Delhi Airport that he does not know anything about it and felt harassed with the false charges.

Punjab Braces for Strike Called by Akali Dal

Schools Closed

BK070855 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 7 Feb 84

[Text] In Punjab, all schools and colleges will remain closed tomorrow. According to an official spokesman in Chandigarh,

this decision has been taken as a precautionary measure in view of the bundh [strike] call given by the Akali Dal.

Security Forces Alerted

BK070652 Hong Kong AFP in English 0636 GMT 7 Feb 84

[By Dilip Ganguly]

[Text] New Delhi, Feb 7 (AFP) — Indian security forces were put on maximum alert in Punjab today, as the state administration braced itself to counter tomorrow's strike, called by the Sikh political party to press their demands, officials here said.

The sensitive border state has been divided into security zones and district police chiefs have been told to take stern actions against people found indulging in violence. All educational institutions have been closed for tomorrow and the administration has empowered district chiefs to suspend bus services and other transport if the strike turned violent.

Senior federal railway officials have rushed to Chandigarh, the state's capital, to review the situation and decide whether trains should run tomorrow. "We are leaving nothing to chance," said a senior official here.

The state, home of some 16 million people, has only 47,000 security forces, including 17,000 federal paramilitary forces. One federal source here said that additional federal forces were on their way to the state to aid local security men. But he refused to specify the strength of the additional forces.

Interior Ministry officials said that security forces in the neighbouring states of Rajasthan, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh had also been put on alert.

In Punjab, a section of India's 12 million Sikhs are campaigning for greater political autonomy for their rich farming state as well as for other financial and religious demands. The state administration and the federal government of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is becoming concerned at the open division between the moderates led by Akali Dal chief, Harchand Singh Longowal and the radicals under the leadership of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale. Mr Longowal admitted the rift last week saying he had rejected a suggestion of Mr Bhindranwale to infuse militancy in the protest action.

Officials here, who monitor developments in Punjab and aid policy planners, said that the militants might strike tomorrow to show their strength and bring the point home that their faction was more important and powerful than the moderates. "However, these are our thinkings, though based on facts and developments, but it is also likely that Mr Longowal might prevail upon them and keep the leadership intact under him," said one official.

The strike will start at dawn and the Akali Dal has announced it would make it a "total success." A party directive had said that even cyclists should not be allowed on the roads. The directive had asked members to squat on the railway line to stop train movements and block roads to halt traffic.

INDIAN EXPRESS newspaper, quoting officials said that the administration was planning to use army helicopters to patrol sensitive areas.

Yesterday violence continued in Punjab with the killing of five people in a daring abortive attempt to loot a state owned bank, PTI reported. Suspected Sikh activists raided the bank, killed two policemen on duty and a bank employee. Police later killed two gunmen.

Congress-J President Rules Out Merger

BK070312 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 7 Feb 84

[Text] The Congress-J president, Mr Jagjivan Ram, has ruled out the possibility of opposition unity or merger of parties in the near future because of their sharp ideological differences. Addressing newsmen in Kanpur, he said seat adjustments could be possible locally among the opposition parties.

FRG-Aided Submarine Manufacture To Start

BK061419 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 6 Feb 84

[Text] India will soon join a select group of nations making submarines. This wil be done in collaboration with a well-known West German firm. The prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, will inaugurate the construction work at Mazagaon Dock in Bombay next Monday. This will be one of the most advanced conventional submarines fitted with the latest weapons and equipment.

SRI LANKA

All-Party Conference on Ethnic Issue Resumes

BK061625 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1545 GMT 6 Feb 84

[Text] The all-party conference on the ethnic issue resumed at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall this afternoon. Details of the talks are not yet officially disclosed.

SLFP To Boycott Talks

BK061415 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 6 Feb 84

[Text] In Colombo, the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, led by Mrs Bandaranaike, has decided not to participate in the roundtable conference on ethnic issue. The announcement came soon after the decision to resume talks today. The reasons for the party's withdrawal are not immediately available. The talks were adjourned on the 25th of last month. The Mahajana Eksath Peramuna, another pro-Sinhala party, has already boycotted the conference.

Minister Reports on Conference

BK071205 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 7 Feb 84

[Text] The minister of trade and shipping, Lalith Athulathmudali, said that the all-party conference sat with all the members of the committee, the reporters, and legal advisers present. Briefing newsmen yesterday after the conference, he said that letters from the secretary general of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party and the leader of the opposition addressed to the secretary of the all-party conference were read out at the session. The letters give reasons as to why they could not continue to participate in the conference.

He disclosed that following this President Jayewardene had made a statement saying that the impression that the government was trying to impose a preconceived plan on the conference was incorrect.

TULF leader A. Amirthalingam also made a statement explaining his position in regard to the matters referred to in the letter of the general secretary of the SLFP. Mr Amirthalingam is expected to make a press statement on this issue today.

Mr Athulathmudali further said that the conference had decided that the secretary of the all-party conference should request the SLFP to return to the conference in view of the crux of the matter is being discussed.

The trade minister also said that the conference has decided that it would be convenient if the two committees gather together with all participants to deal with the matters referred to the committees expeditiously. The all-party conference will be reconvened on the 21st and 22d of February at 1630.

Mr Athulathmudali said at these meetings the conference would decide to address itself some specific matters as well as to those focused on by the secretariat and all already circulated. The participants would also be free to submit to the conference any proposal of their own.

The Venerable Sirimatwatte Ananda, the mahanayake of the Malwatte Chapter, addressing the conference yesterday said that the Mahasangha was totally against the division of the country. He said that every citizen of Sri Lanka should be free to live in any part of the island without fear or harassment. He also said that the government should consider granting citizenship to all stateless persons of Indian origin in Sri Lanka. He added that the government should give heed to the advice of the (Vaidyamahasangha).

A statement was issued last night by the general secretary of the SLFP giving reasons why the party was withdrawing from the all-party conference. The statement refers to the fact that the president and the government had failed to respond to a request by the SLFP asking the government for its proposals prior to the conference. It also states that the TULF leaders have made unwarrented references on foreign soil regarding the conference proceedings and some of its participants, especially the Buddhist clergy and the SLFP.

The SLFP statement also refers to the fact that terrorism and violence have reached present proportion because the government failed to take effective measure from the time it assumed office in 1977. It (?goes to prove) that both the government and the TULF seemed to be unable to contain the terrorist activity.

Leaders' Independence Day Messages Reported

BK041619 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 4 Feb 84

[Text] President J.R. Jayewardene, in his Independence Day message, has said that we must not allow nationalism to be perverted into a fascistic belief in racial superiority. We must not allow religion to be subverted to mean the ridiculing of other religions. We must believe that the entire land is the homeland of all.

The president emphasizes that we should realize that we are a multiracial, multireligious, and multilingual nation. We must forge lasting links of brotherhood among ourselves. If we succeed in this endeavor, as indeed we will, then we can all work together to abolish poverty, achieve better living standard, foster our national cultures and religions, and make the island a place where love, compassion, brotherhood, and righteousness prevail.

Prime Minister R. Premadasa, in his message, refers to the ability to get together, discuss differences, and arrive at at an agreement as the most precious gift of humanity. He says we can only develop Sri Lanka and ensure a peaceful life to all our people if hatred and suspicion toward each other are totally eliminated. He says that freedom is nothing more than the right of the individual to exist. He adds that we must harness our differences to achieve unity in diversity.

AFP Cites Leaders' Appeals

BK031604 Hong Kong AFP in English 1037 GMT 3 Feb 84

[Text] Colombo, Feb 3 (AFP) — Sri Lanka celebrated its 36th anniversary of independence from British rule today amid appeals from its leaders for racial harmony and peace.

"We must not allow nationalism to be perverted into a fascistic belief in racial superiority. We must not allow religion to be subverted to mean the ridiculing of other religions. We must believe that the entire island is the homeland of all of us," President Junius Jayewardene said in an independence day message.

Last July, the country was wracked by ethnic violence between minority Tamils and majority Sinhalas in which nearly 400 people, mostly Tamils, were killed and around 100,000 made homeless.

The riots were apparently sparked off by the ambush killing of 13 soldiers by northern Tamil militants seeking to establish an independent state.

With the escalation of Tamil violence, nearly 100 servicemen, politicians and informants have been killed by various militant groups.

"We have to eliminate terrorism from this land. We have to establish peace, friendship and brotherhood among all communities," Mr Jayewardene said.

Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa in his message said that Sri Lanka could be developed and a peaceful life ensured only if the hatred and suspicion between the ethnic groups was eliminated.

Military Joint Statement Urges 'Major Offensive'
LD061802 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 6 Feb 84

[Excerpts] Following the message of President Khamene'i, chairman of the Supreme Defense Council, a joint statement was issued by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Muslim Iranian nation: The way to fight Iraq's Zionist regime's missile attacks is through a major offensive extending the entire length of the war fronts. Forward, fighters of Islam! Forward members of the basij [mobilization units]. Soldiers and guards! Forward, hezbollahi nation! Forward, Islamic nation! Your vigilant move should be a decisive response to those who launch missiles, those who sell missiles, and those who finance those missiles.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

Ilam, Quds Groups Ready for 'Final Offensive'
LD061729 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 6 Feb 84

[Text] The combatants of Islam stationed on the Ilam fronts yesterday wrote a petition expressing their support for the prime minister's recent speech and asking the imam of nation to issue the order for the final offensive, so that, with God's help, they could deliver the final blow to the decaying regime of Iraq.

The Quds Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, District 5, issued a communique expressing its support for the recent remarks of President Khamene'i and Prime Minister Musavi and declaring its full readiness to go to the fronts to finalize the war and resist the plots hatched by world arrogance.

Jerusalem Reserves Batallion Leaves for Front
GF061348 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1100 GMT 6 Feb 84

[Text] The paratroopers of the Jerusalem Reserve Batallion of the Airborne Brigade in Shiraz — in the southern part of the country — left yesterday for the fronts of struggle with the ruling regime in Iraq. Prior to their departure for the fronts of the imposed war, the forces of the Jerusalem special brigade visited the shrine of Shah (Firaz) Ahmad ibn-e Musa, may God be pleased with him.

During this ritual, which was attended by a great number of Muslim revolutionaries in Shiraz, Brother Dastgheyb, Shiraz' representative in the Majlis, asserted that the road to dear Jerusalem passes through the Karbala' of Al-Hoseyn. He added that the ruling regime in Iraq is living its last days and that the heroes of Islam shortly will close the file of the crimes of the regime of Saddam, God willing.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Responds to Iraqi 'Threats'
LD070520 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 7 Feb 84

[Text] Hashemi-Rafsanjani, speaker of the Islamic Majlis and the imam's representative at the Supreme Defense Council, in a speech last night at the opening session of the Second Conference on Islamic Thought, referred to the recent threats made by Saddam's regime to again bomb Iranian cities and the message sent by the president: During 40 months of war, we have refrained from bombing residential areas in Iraq and have tried not to retaliate by similar acts. However, we have always stated that there is a limit to our patience. During this period, we have suffered 4,000 martyrs and 22,000 wounded. He added: Saddam's actions have been few and far between, such as attacking our towns with a few missiles. However, we have not yet responded even though we are able. Saddam has felt safe. He has now said that he will destroy our towns with bombs, deafen the people, cause miscarriages, cause deaths of old men, and similar acts. This is at a time when their towns like Basra are well within the range of our field guns. People, especially foreigners living in pleasure, go for walks in parks with peace of mind. Now, according to sayings in the Koran, our patience has run out and it is time for real retribution and paying kind with kind.

Referring to the message sent by Mr Khamene'i on Saddam's threat to bomb Iranian cities, Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: If Saddam carries out his threat, we are prepared and we have already issued the necessary military command to our forces in different towns. The Majlis speaker added: Our situation is different from that of Iraq. We are quite capable of using the bullets that are made domestically, not imported, to do the job. If we do so, Saddam will have to deal with more than 1 million refugees, most of whom are foreigners. The imam's representative at the Supreme Defense Council said: President Khamene'i mentioned those three towns as examples. From north to south of Iraq, there are many towns such as Sulaymaniyah, Hajj 'Umran, Zurbatiyah, Sayyid Sadiq, Halabjah, [name indistinct], Amara, and other small and large towns that are within range of our field guns. If, at any time, Zionist Saddam carries out his (?threat), we will retaliate similarly. Of course, we hope that Saddam will not attempt such a mindless act. Although he seems to have backed off, this afternoon he has said that the time of bombing towns will be announced later. I hope that the job will be done on the battlefield.

Lists 'Safe' Iraqi Cities
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[Text] Tehran, Feb.7, IRNA — Islamic Republic's Majlis Speaker Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani today said that if Iraqis embarked on an adventure, they would notice that in no other part of Iraq there could be found a safe place except for Karbala', Najaf, Kathmain,and Samarra to which Iranians attched special significance because of the double sanctity of the cities.

Speaking at Tuesday's Majlis open session, Rafsanjani expressed the hope that the Islamic Republic would find no need to take

such a measure, also hoping that Iran's warning would be taken seriously, and the Iraqis come to their senses and abandon their adventurism.

Rafsanjani called on them to yield to realities of war, adding that brave Islamic combatants who had now realised what an enemy they were facing and for whom the truth had become even more evident, would soon determine the fate of the war.

Iraqi Cities Warned of Retaliatory Measures
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[Text] The headquarters for war propaganda, in a statement issued in connection with Iran's retaliatory measures to threats made by Saddam to bomb Iranian residential areas, mentioned a few points to help protect the lives of the residents of the towns of Mandali, Khanaqin, and Basra in Iraq. Part of this statement, addressed to the Muslim people of Iraq, says:

The Muslim people of Iraq: The evil-intentioned acts of Saddam has reached a stage where failing to (?respond) to them will inflict major damage on Islam and the Muslim nation of Iran. After 40 months of patience and resistance, the Muslim nation of Iran will not allow the Iraqi regime to continue its savagery any longer. Therefore, the combatants of Islam will fire at the towns of Mandali, Khanaqin, and Basra if Saddam carries out his threats to attack Iranian cities. So, the Muslim residents of these three towns in Iraq are asked to leave the towns of Mandali, Basra, and Khanaqin — which are well within the range of our combatants' fire — before the order to open fire is issued, in order to prevent any casualties and loss of lives. This order to shoot will definitely be issued once Saddam's regime attacks residential areas inside Iran. Beginning at this hour, pay careful attention to all messages carried by the Arabic service of the Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran in connection with the latest directives to save the lives of the oppressed people of Iraq, and act accordingly.

Opposition Leader Warns Iraqi Citizens
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[Text] Hojjat ol-Eslam Hakim, spokesman of the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq, asked the residents of Basra, Mandali, and Khanaqin to leave their towns — as the Islamic Republic of Iran has asked them to do — so if the Iraqi regime attacks residential towns of Iran, which will be followed by Iran's retaliatory attack on the mentioned towns, their lives will not be endangered. Hojjat ol-Eslam Hakim also asked the Muslim people of Iraq to form revolutionary committees and societies and take over the guarding of holy places in order to prevent attempts to sabotage such places. He also referred to the obvious aggressions by Saddam's regime against the two Muslim nations of Iran and Iraq and elaborated on several clear cases of violation of international laws by Iraq.

He added: Saddam is nearing the end of his disgraceful life and by openly threatening to bomb Iranian towns, he has caused Iran to take a more decisive stance against him and his bosses. Now, with Iran's announcement on retaliating, if the Iraqi regime in anyway stops the residents of Basra, Khanaqin, and Mandali — who are forced to leave these towns to protect their lives — it alone will be responsible for any casualties sustained by the people of these towns.

While stressing the sensitivity of the situation, Hojjat ol-Eslam Hakim advised his compatriots to take advantage of the present opportunity to establish stronger organizations, organize revolutionary committees and societies, show the alertness and reaction needed to protect the lives of the people of Iraq, and guard holy places in the face of the indifference shown by Ba'thist officials.

The spokesman of the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution concluded: The heroic and Muslim people of Iraq are aware that the assembly is always by their side and condemns the crimes committed by the criminal and warmongering regime of Iraq against the two Muslim nations of Iraq and Iran.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,627
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[Communique No 1,627 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] Exchanges of artillery and heavy weapons fire continued in most of the fronts of the imposed war between the powerful and victorious forces of Islam and the aggressive Iraqi Ba'thist forces during the past 24 hours. The exchange of fire was more intense in the Nowsud regions on the western fronts and in Kushk and Zayd on the southern fronts.

On all fronts, while reinforcing their defensive positions,the fighters of Islam fired heavy artillery and mortar fire on artillery positions, supply routes, bases, and concentrations of Iraqi forces. By sending patrol groups to enemy positions they inflicted losses and casualties on the Iraqi aggressors. On all western and southern fronts they set fire to and destroyed personnel and weapons bunkers of the forces of Saddam and killed or wounded a number of their personnel.

On one of the western fronts, the fighters of Islam destroyed or damaged a number of light and heavy enemy vehicles. In the Fakkeh region, they opened fire on an Iraqi patrol group, killing or wounding a number of them and forcing the rest to flee.

On the Abadan and Khorramshahr fronts, the heroic personnel of the Gendarmerie returned enemy fire, fired on the Saddamists' positions and fortifications, silenced their fire, and destroyed some of the Iraqis' light and heavy weapons bunkers together with a number of their personnel.

Abadan again yesterday came under enemy long-range fire which damaged a number of houses.

Syrian Minister of State Arrives for Talks

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[Text] Kamal Sharaf, minister of state for planning affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic, arrived in Tehran today for talks with economic officials of our country. He was welcomed by Mr Banki, minister of state in charge of plan and budget organizations. Kamal Sharaf will stay in Iran until Sunday and during this period, in his meetings with economic officials of our country, he will discuss planning cooperation and cultural exchanges.

Foreign Ministry Reacts to Dakar Embassy Closure

LD071129 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 7 Feb 84

[Text] The Senegalese Government has closed down the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Dakar, its reason for this being Iran's support for Senegalese Islamic groups.

Concerning the statement by the Senegalese Foreign Ministry regarding the closing down of the Iranian Embassy in Dakar, our country's Foreign Ministry spokesman said: Within the framework of the foreign policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the expansion of relations with Third World countries, especially African and Muslim countries, is based on principle. The increase in the level of cultural, diplomatic, and economic relations between Iran and such countries testifies to that claim.

Referring to allegations of the involvement of the Iranian Embassy in nondiplomatic activities, he pointed out: The officials responsible for the foreign policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran constantly strive to follow the principle of respecting soverignty, noninterference in the internal affairs of other countries, and observing prevailing standards in diplomatic relations between countries. We strongly deny such allegations.

Warning Issued on Ghali Plans for ICO-'Zionist' Talks

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[Text] Tehran, Feb. 6, IRNA — The Iranian Foreign Ministry today called on Muslim nations and progressive countries in the world of Islam to beware of and confront attempts on future talks between the Islamic Conference Organisation (ICO) and the Zionist regime.

The call came after comments made by the Egyptian foreign minister, Butrus Ghali, who said the ICO would accept talks with the Zionist regime.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman told IRNA today that Ghali's comments were a "desired response of reactionary regimes which have been struggling for the return of Egypt to the Islamic Conference Organisation."

"Only days have passed since attempts were made to return Egypt to the Islamic Conference Organisation but nevertheless the Egyptian foreign minister is already outlining the responsibilities of the Islamic countries to negotiate with the Zionist regime, which is the greatest enemy of Islam and Muslims," the spokesman added.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman further said that Ghali's statements clearly indicated Egypt's intentions to force the ICO into the Camp David neogtiation table.

"In fact this is a warning to Muslim nations and progressive countries in the Islamic world to beware of such conspiracies and confront them with their firm measures," the spokesman said.

Khamene'i Calls on Khomeyni 6 February

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[Text] Tehran, Feb. 6, IRNA — President 'Ali Khamene'i, who is also head of the Supreme Defence Council of the Islamic Republic of Iran, met with the leader of the Islamic revolution and the commander-in-chief of the armed forces, Imam Khomeyni, at Jamaran Mosque here this morning.

During the meeting the president informed Imam Khomeyni of the latest events and developments of the country.

Lebanese Clergyman's Message Read at Friday Prayers

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[Text of message sent by Lebanese religious scholar Sa'id Muhammad Husayn Fadallah addressed to Iranian Muslim brothers and sisters, read during Tehran's Friday prayer ceremonies; passages within quotation marks rendered in Arabic]

[Text] "In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Praise be to the Lord of the universe. Benedictions and peace on our peer, Muhammad, and his good scion! [loud cheers]

Peace be upon you, pious brethren, and also God's mercy and blessings. From Muslim Lebanon, from Lebanon wherein are standing the mujahidin...."

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Our salute from Muslim Lebanon, from Lebanon wherein the Muslim mujahidin heroically stand in confrontation against world imperialism, European and U.S. colonialism, and international Zionism in the defense of Islam, Islam's world revolution and its leader, Imam Khomeyni, the imam leader of the world's Muslims, the only person who to confront the infidels with all his power and might, who thereby underlined the remark by the glorious prophet of Islam: All faith against all polytheism.

We feel that the destiny of all Muslims in Iraq, Lebanon, Afghanistan, and the entire world is one, and we believe that if we all unite the redoubt of oppression would be destroyed forever. We feel that if we were to become active and support the revolution with a united goal, final victory would be ours.

We know that the United States has entered Lebanon to wage battle against Islamic Iran and Islam's world revolution. We are ready to sacrifice our lives for the victory of Islam, and you, the

Muslim nation of Iran, who stand against all oppression and give your blood in the defense of all Muslims, should know that Islam is a trust placed by God Almighty together with His thoughts for His lands and Islamic nation. It is a trust which should be safeguarded. We know that the Islamic Revolution is also God's trust, placed on your and our shoulders. And you, Iranian nation, shoulder greater responsibilities, since you are the base for all the world's meek.

The artificial borders concocted by colonialism, the nationalities, ethnic groups, and other playthings of colonialism will never be able to sow discord among us. We are with you along the course of the victorious movement, the movement which is taking place with all our souls, hearts, and thoughts. We share a single stance with you. And in Lebanon, Afghanistan, and in all the Islamic lands, we shout and say to the glorious leader: We respond to your movement, to your thoughts and ideas, and to your Islamic Revolution! Our last word is one of gratitude for God, the Lord of the universe, who is granting us success for Islam's battle.

"If Muslims in Afghanistan and throughout the world were to unite they could destroy all the redoubts of oppression and tyrany."

Montazeri 10 Days of Dawn Commemoration Speech

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[Speech by Grand Ayatollah Montazeri to foreign guests visiting Iran in connection with commemoration of 10 Days of Dawn, on 3 February in Qom — recorded]

[Excerpts] To start, I would like to express my gratitude to all you brothers and sisters for having accepted the invitation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which is your own country, and finally for having come to the city of blood and uprising — Qom.

There was a time when the colonialists directly controlled the Islamic countries. Later, seeing a certain amount of clamor in the world, they introduced the so-called neocolonialism. What is neocolonialism? It means, for instance, that Britain or America would not be directly involved in Iran, or that Lebanon or Syria, which was under French domination, would no longer remain under its domination. They were to bring to power certain pawns in Islamic countries, to give them control over Muslims, ostensibly calling it independence, whereas in fact they would act as agents of the West and East. This is precisely what they accomplished. They brought certain individuals to power in Islamic countries and the Third World — individuals oblivious toward their peoples; individuals who are rather concerned with the interests of America and the West. This is how it is in practice.

Now that the people in our region have acquired a certain degree of maturity and political awareness — for there are links throughout the world, people relate to each other — and that political maturity and growth are emerging among the people, believe me, the biggest factor harming Islamic countries — the evil which is most diabolical to Muslims — is those very rulers who, in the name of Islamic rulers, are ruling Islamic countries. Had it not been for these reactionary rulers the people would have made their own decisions.

We are being told not to get involved in politics. Politics is one of those terms that has acquired a sinister connotation in our time. Politics means trickery and lying. If this is its meaning, then it has no part in Islam. However, politics, meaning the administration of Muslims' affairs, is a part of Islam. Governing is one of Islam's programs. We observe that 1 billion Muslims in Islamic countries are being burdened with governments that preserve the interests of the East and West; they do not think about their own countries.

We see the heads of Islamic countries gathering in Morocco, without bothering to raise such issues as the massacres taking place in Afghanistan, in Lebanon, and the pogroms in Palestine and Lebanon. All they are concerned with is to readmit Husni Mubarak to the Islamic countries conference — a man who has joined hands with the Zionists. What this means is to leave their countries to Israel and Zionists. These are the people who are ruling Islamic countries; had it not been for these people, had it not been for these pests, then — thank God for the wakefulness of nations, — their nations would have made their own decisions.

America has a population of nearly 250 millions. Those who commit so many crimes in the world are not more than a few million. Today it is Mr Reagan who is its head; tomorrow there will be someone else. A couple of days ago, I was reading in a paper that the speaker of the U.S. Congress said: Reagan is the most insensitive President I have ever met. This shows that all presidents are insensitive, but this one is the most insensitive. This is how it is. Therefore, even the American people are oppressed. When you brothers notice in Iran people shouting "Death to America," this does not mean death to that fellow American farmer, that American worker. Indeed not — it is death to such leaders as Reagan, Kissinger, and the Zionists who are dominating the world and who have taken control of politics, the economy, and everything else — to those who totally ignore the oppressed people.

How many crimes are being committed in Afghanistan by the USSR? Yet in this very Soviet Union there are about 50 to 60 million oppressed Muslims and a number of oppressed Christians who do not approve at all of the crimes their government is committing in Afghanistan, where it is killing old men, women, and children with bombs.

I do not know whether you have heard that after Ayatollah Khomeyni's return to Iran, the occasion which is marked by the same 10 Days of Dawn, the imposed prime minister of the time, Bakhtiar,issued orders for martial law and curfew. He ordered a strict curfew from 1600 until the following morning. The plan was to take advantage of the curfew to arrest the imam and his supporters overnight and to put down Iran's uprising. At that sensitive juncture, the Iranian leader issued orders asking the people not to pay attention to the curfew. He graciously said: Ignore the curfew order and all of you go to the streets and shout "Death to the shah." Then the people poured into the streets and the martial law was defeated, and finally the revolution gained victory on 11 February. All the oppressed nations, Muslims or

non-Muslims, should learn the lesson from Iran's experience that it is necessary to resist. They should not put up with oppression. An honorable death is better than a shameful life.

Why are the Soviet Armed Forces massacring people in Afghanistan? Why did the Zionists attack Lebanon and kill so many people? Why do the U.S. Marines presume the right to come from the other corner of the world and stay in Beirut? How does Beirut concern them? They say: Our interests in the Middle East are endangered. They say: This Islamic Revolution is endangering our interests. Therefore, we should realize that they are not feeling sorry for us, they are thinking of ways to plunder us. If these rulers of the region had an ounce of grit — let us forget their religion, because the Lord of the martyrs graciously said: If you do not have any religion, think of your world and conscience — with an ounce of grit they could have reached a decision in the Morocco summit to stop the sale of oil to the United States and the West for only 1 month. This would have brought them to their knees. But these rulers are not thinking of their nations and Islam. What a tragedy that they rule under the name of Islam and are planning to make friends with Israel. They are planning to join the Camp David accords and are ignoring all the miseries of the Muslims.

Well we have given them up, but thank God that the nations are growing intellectually. You witnessed that right in the course of the Casablanca summit, your Muslim brothers and sisters delivered a crushing blow to King Hassan in Morocco, and their blows have not yet ended.

Some individuals criticize Islam as the religion of the sword. This is not true. Islam is a religion of logic and of defense. Are the Muslims of Lebanon expected to remain indifferent toward Israeli aggression in Lebanon? Does the conscience of mankind instruct him this way? No, the conscience of a human being tells him to rise against an oppressor. Therefore, we are all duty bound not to remain passive toward tyrants and satans in order to safeguard monotheism. Nations should rise for the sake of the oppressed, and they should accept difficulties.

Since the Iranian Revolution, the East and the West have not left us alone. I hope you brothers will visit Khuzestan and Kordestan if you have not done so already. Go and see what Iraq has done to Iranian cities and villages. See how many cities it has destroyed, how many people it has killed, and how many it has made homeless. It has left us with 2 or 3 million refugees. The Soviet Government has also turned several million Afghans into refugees, in addition to those they have killed. These are the problems, but we should be patient and confront these problems. With steadfastness, victory will eventually come to the oppressed masses. It is promised in the Koran that the meek will inherit the earth in accordance with the destiny written by Almighty God. But it is up to us to implement God's wish. The world is a world of will power. If you remain steadfast and patient, God's angels and his hidden armies will assist you. The Koran says: Those who help God, He will help them in return and will make them stronger.

Concerning the Iranian fronts, 15-and 16-year-old children or 17-and 18-year-olds beg to be permitted to go on the front line to be martyred. They welcome martyrdom, just as the Muslims of the early Islamic era. So many Muslims were martyred during the Uhud war. We must resist and perform our duties. This is a world of testing. God is testing us with these wars and disputes, satans and their agents, the archsatan and the others. These are all means of testing mankind. God wants to see how many people fulfill their duties.

Musavi-Ardabili on Revolution Committees' Tasks

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[Text] This afternoon several revolution guards from Islamic revolution committees of various parts of the country met with Musavi-Ardabili, president of the Supreme Court. During the meeting,one of the officials presented a report about the activities of Islamic revolution committees.

Then, in a speech, Musavi-Ardabili referred to the valuable services given by the committees since the victory of the revolution. Emphasizing the need to maintain the honor and value of the committees, he said: The committees should take care that they are not infiltrated by elements who may, God forbid, misuse the name of the committees and who may blemish this esteemed organization. The committees should be free from indifferent and immature members, because such individuals will harm the reputation of the committees. Some of the brothers may also inflict blows upon the committees through excessive emotion. We should prove our suitability.

Musavi-Ardabili added: Another heavy responsibility of the committees is the very extensive and fundamental fight against smuggling and against narcotics. Prosecution and surveillance of counterrevolutionaries, charlatans, and evil individuals are also necessary. To combat them properly, we should make use of correct procedures, Islamic morality, and proper training. We should pay greater attention to our priorities so that, God forbid, our enemies will not be able to deter us from our principal goals in order to achieve their vile ambitions. The present security forces should try to achieve necessary harmony for the solution of the country's problems so that through unity and proper planning they can solve the problems and difficulties as soon as possible.

This afternoon Hojjat ol-Eslam Ghafur, Friday imam of Shustar and deputy to the Majlis, also met with Mr Musavi-Ardabili.

NVOI on Lack of Politics in Guards Corps

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[Unattributed commentary: "Corps and Politics"]

[Excerpts] Dear compatriots: Addressing a meeting of Guards Corps ideological officials, Ayatollah Khomeyni said: You must endeavor to not allow political matters to penetrate into the Corps. If political ideas infiltrate into the Corps, its military aspect will be neutralized.

This very opinion is being stated in various kinds and forms by other clergy and leaders of the Islamic regime about the Revolution Guards Corps and the mobilization of the oppressed. They are trying to stifle and destroy political insight and class instinct in the Corps, the mobilization, and the crusade.

Why do the clergy and other leaders of the Islamic regime fear the penetration of political ideas in the Corps, the mobilization, and the armed and security forces in general, as a jinn fears the name of God? The fear and alarm by leaders of dictatorial, antipeople regimes of the infiltration of political ideas in the Armed Forces is not new, and is not confined to the leaders of Iran's Islamic dictatorial regime. In dictatorial, antipeople regimes, politics is the special privilege of a group of the ruling circle by the name of statesmen. In the Islamic dictatorial regime ruling over Iran, it is the exclusive privilege of a handful of illiterate and superstitious clergy and pseudoclergy. The Armed Forces must blindly obey and carry out the orders of statesmen, and currently the orders of clergy and pseudoclergy in our tyranny-stricken homeland. However, in democratic and popular social systems, the Armed Forces are a segment of the people and like all the people they possess the right to hold political ideas and to participate in political parties and organizations.

The Guards Corps and the mobilization of the oppressed were established during the revolution and in the time of bloody combat and battle between the revolution and the counterrevolution and between toiling classes and strata and exploiting parasitic classes and strata. As long as the revolution was progressing in a popular anti-imperialist course and so long as the Guards Corps and the mobilization of the oppressed were fighting and battling against the khans and landlords, the major capitalists, and the U.S. exploiters in order to obtain the legitimate rights of working people, the existence of political ideas in the Corps and the mobilization — contrary to the claim by Ayatollah Khomeyni and other leaders of the Islamic regime — not only did not neutralize their military aspects, but served as a guiding light that illuminated the path toward the revolution's popular and anti-imperialist targets. Personnel of the Corps and the mobilization understood for what reason and against whom they were fighting and battling because they had identical class interests and were struggling against an enemy that was the class enemy of them all.

The statements of that period by Ayatollah Khomeyni and other leaders of the Islamic regime to the effect that the callused hands of peasants are the title deeds to the lands and that the sweat of workers is more sacred than the blood of martyrs were areal policy — the policy of pretending to defend the interests of workers, peasants, and other toilers. Leaders of the Islamic regime did not fear the existence of political ideas in the Corps and the mobilization that defended their interests.

The subsequent statements by Ayatollah Khomeyni and other leaders of the Islamic regime to the effect that the bazaar's crooked bullying merchants were the greatest defenders of the revolution and Islam and that the dependent khans, landlords, and capitalists were the real owners of land, water, and factories were also a real policy — but a policy of defending the interests of exploiters and parasites. Since the Corps and the mobilization are mostly formed from the workers, peasants, and other toilers, leaders of the Islamic Government now fear the existence of political ideas in the Corps as a jinn fears the name of God, because when personnel of the Corps and the mobilization possess political insight and class instinct, they will not fight and sacrifice their lives to safeguard the interests of their class enemies. In pursuing a policy of duping them, the leaders of the Islamic Government focus on exploiting the religious beliefs of working people, including personnel of the Corps and the mobilization.

However, today the level of class instinct and political insight of the broad masses of toilers, including the majority of the Corps and mobilization personnel, has reached such a degree that they are able to distinguish right from wrong and the revolution from the counterrevolution, and to unite with the toiling masses and with revolutionary patriotic parties, organizations, and groups to save the revolution from the domination of imperialist agents and superficial counterrevolutionary clergy.

Radio Iran Details 36-Hour Sit-in Plan

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[Communique No 3 of 14-Mordad Movement issued 4 February in Tehran]

[Excerpts] Compatriots: Just as we announced in Communique No 2, do not leave your houses from 0600 on Friday, 10 February until 1800 on Saturday, 11 February.

The 14-Mordad Movement hereby invites all compatriots to pay particular attention to the details of the plan:

1. As of now, please envisage your family's needs for the 36-hour sit-in at home and provide for it in the coming week so that during the hours of the sit-in you may not need any foodstuffs or essential goods.

2. All the dealers and the noble patriotic bazaar merchants are requested to extend the necessary cooperation in fulfilling the demands of their compatriots in the coming week.

3. All doctors and employees of hospitals, emergency centers, pharmacies, and fire brigades are requested to be on duty during this period so that if, God forbid, our compatriots may require any public services during their 36 hour sit-in, they will not encounter any difficulties.

4. All dear compatriots who intend to travel are requested to organize their trips in a way that during the hours of the national sit-in all the nation's highways are clear of all activity and all airplanes and trains are empty in order to uphold national solidarity and unity.

5. The Khomeyni regime, which has reached the worst kind of impasse in political publicity since the 14-Mordad communique was announced, will definitely muster all its resources so that it may bring all its hirelings and mercenaries from all over Iran to Tehran in order to hold the staged marches in the capital. We welcome this effort by Khomeyni. I repeat, we welcome this

effort by Khomeyni. Let the correspondents from international agencies and the public opinion of the world and the 40 million population of Iran count the handful of Khomeyni's hirelings from behind their windowpanes. Let Khomeyni know that the real demonstrations of the 40-million strong army of Iran is being held within homes.

Compatriots, these 36 hours will be an opportunity for companionship, unity, hosting, and meeting with near ones and to honor the memory of dear ones who were sacrificed by Khomeyni's atrocities, and it has been requested by the people of Iran by the heir to the throne.

Here we want to stress in particular that according to our previous decision, spend these 36 hours in the homes of relatives, near ones, and friends or better yet, in the homes of older people.

Do not forget to pay attention to the shortage of foodstuffs by taking along all that you have bought so that you may eat with your friends and relatives. Iran will never die!

Nabavi on Industries, Cooperation With USSR, FRG

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[Text] Tehran, Feb 6, IRNA — Heavy Industries Minister Behzad Nabavi said here today that during the first nine months of the current Iranian year (March 21 -December 21, 1983) interim permits were issued for establishing 1,175 factories and enterprises, which involve an investment of [words indistinct].

He said Iran's relations with the Soviet Union in the area of heavy industries are minimal at the time being and that chances of any future increase in cooperations between the two countries in this area are remote.

Nabavi added that [words indistinct] in Esfahan was originally designed and engineered by [words indistinct] but that the Islamic Republic [word indistinct] determined to eliminate insofar as possible her dependence upon Soviet experts for its operations. He said the Islamic Republic was determined to proceed with the production of certain assembly industries such as [words indistinct] pipes and [word indistinct] which planning was made last year.

He also said for the time being the Federal Republic of Germany is Iran's principal partner in heavy industries though Iran's purchases of consumer items from the FRG has significantly dwindled since the culmination of the Islamic Revolution.

In order for the Third World countries to rid themselves from the domination of the superpowers, he said [words indistinct] their ports to imported products and endeavour to work towards self-sufficiency by starting from scratch or can choose to march towards the same objective gradually.

The heady industries minister said that before the Islamic Revolution Iran's economy was largely dependent upon the big powers (?of the world) and that [words indistinct] to produce sufficiently enough for responding to internal needs.

He said rather than do so, an effort must be made to change (?dozens of consumption) patterns in a manner conducive to the growth of home industries.